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**REQUEST
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Application Number	09/494,240
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First Named Inventor	Pope
Art Unit	3738
Examiner Name	Pelligrino, Brian E.
Attorney Docket Number	05261.015/6056

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a. Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- Other _____

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- Amendment/Reply
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2. Miscellaneous

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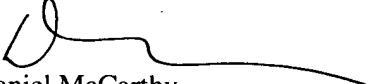
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Honorable Assistant Commissioner:

Applicants submit this paper in response to the Office Action mailed October 3, 2002, in connection with the above-referenced application. Applicants intend this paper to be fully responsive to that Office Action, and respectfully request entry of the following amendments and favorable reconsideration of the pending claims.